REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendments is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application entitled " Multi-Directional Wiring On A Single Metal Layer " filed on December 6, 2000. In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have changed the title of this application, inserted a reference to the related parent application, canceled claims 1-15, and added new claims 16-39. Accordingly, claims 16-39 are currently pending in this application.

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